

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



CURRENT WEEK

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Saturday, December 14 - 6:00 PM Intention: In Memory of Terrence Murphy from Family
Sunday, December 15 - 8:00 AM
Intention: ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE of Kern, Wessel and Davies Families from the Wessel Family
Sunday, December 15 - 10:00 AM Intention: In Memory of Felicia Smigiel from Husband Felix and Family
MASS FOR OUR LITHUANIAN COMMUNITY
Sunday, December 15 - 1:00 PM Intention: In Memory of Jonas Vaznelis from St. Ann's Parish Family
Wednesday, December 18 - 8:00 AM Intention: In Memory of Brian Herod from St. Ann's Parish Family
Friday, December 20 - 8:00 AM Intention: In Memory of Father Heeg from St. Ann's Parish Family

NEXT WEEK

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Saturday, December 21 - 6:00 PM
Intention: In Memory of Richard Brennan from Ron and Diane Becktenwal
Sunday, December 22 - 8:00 AM Intention: For the People of St. Ann's
Sunday, December 22 - 10:00 AM Intention: In Memory of Joseph Niepokoj from Joan Smith & Barb Thomas
CHRISTMAS EVE Tuesday, December 24 - 6:00 PM Family Mass
Intention: In Memory of Adolf and Maria Dziewa from Family and Friends
Tuesday, December 24 - 10:00 PM
Intention: In Memory of the O'Reilly and Ryan Families from Family and Friends
CHRISTMAS DAY Wednesday, December 25 - 10:00 AM
Intention: ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE of the Kolasa and Furness Families from Terry and Nancy Kolasa



Saturday, December 14, 6 pm - Diane ESTEP
Sunday, December 15, 8 am - Nick GONZALEZ
Sunday, December 15, 10 am - Joan BARUFFI
Saturday, December 21, 6 pm - Kristina DAMBRAUSKAS
Sunday, December 22, 8 am - Phil DITTMANN
Sunday, December 22, 10 am - Evelyn JACKSON
If unable to read at your appointed time, please secure a replacement from the master schedule previously sent to you.
Please arrive 10 minutes before Mass & check in with the Sacristan.
To all 10 am Lector/Commentators: When a CCD student is scheduled for Readings at your assigned Mass, please only do the Introduction, Prayers of the Faithful, and other announcements as needed.



Saturday, December 14, 6 pm - Dorothea PLATH, Linda SPERLING, Scott STOLARZ
Sunday, December 15, 8 am - Julie KASNIUNAS
Sunday, December 15, 10 am - Ann BEESE, Lu DeWULF, Janet KOVALAN
Saturday, December 21, 6 pm - Joe ESTEP, Dorothea PLATH, Linda SPERLING
Sunday, December 22, 8 am - Bert MILLER
Sunday, December 22, 10 am - Perry CARTWRIGHT, Lou FALAT, Ruth PALONIS
If unable to serve at your appointed time, please secure a replacement from the master schedule previously sent to you. Please arrive 10 minutes before Mass & check in with the Sacristan.



ALTAR SERVERS

Servers, you are an important part of our parish liturgical services. We will be conducting on the job training. Please sign up on the Bulletin Board if you are interested. REMINDER: Those children who made their First Communion are eligible to serve as Altar Servers.

HOSPITALITY

Sunday, December 15: JACOBUCCI and BEGLIN Families
Sunday, December 22: DOOLITTLE and LAKIN Families
Treats after the 10 AM Mass have been a long-time tradition here at St. Ann's. Please consider volunteering to provide either homemade or purchased treats. If you have any questions, please ask one of our Hospitality Ministry Coordinators for details. Thank you!

SCRIP VOLUNTEERS

- Saturday, December 14, 6:00 PM: Erika STOLARZ
Sunday, December 15, 8:00 AM: Kira GEISS
Sunday, December 15, 10:00 AM: Faith CARON & Joan BARUFFI
Saturday, December 21, 6:00 PM: Joe ESTEP
Sunday, December 22, 8:00 AM: Mary Carol PUNTILLO
Sunday, December 22, 10:00 AM: Kris JACOBUCCI & Arlene BEGLIN

SCRIP is always looking for extra volunteers to help sell SCRIP. If you can help out, stop by the SCRIP table to find out more information. THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 15, 2019 - Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11
Monday, December 16, 2019 - Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17; Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Matthew 21:23-27
Tuesday, December 17, 2019 - Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Psalms 72:3-4, 7-8, 17; Matthew 1:1-17
Wednesday, December 18, 2019 - Jeremiah 23:5-8; Psalms 72:1, 12-13, 18-19; Matthew 1:18-24
Thursday, December 19, 2019 - Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Psalms 71:3-4, 5-6, 16-17; Luke 1:5-25
Friday, December 20, 2019 - Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 1:26-38
Saturday, December 21, 2019 - Song of or Zephaniah 3:14-18; Psalms 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Luke 1:39-45



WELCOME TO ST. ANN OF THE DUNES!

Whether you come from another part of the world or a nearby parish, we welcome you to St. Ann of the Dunes! We thank you for sharing in the celebration of the Eucharist with us and we appreciate your generosity. We invite you to join our parish family if you are looking for a spiritual home or a summer church home. Registration forms can be found at the back of the church. We look forward to getting to know you. All parishioners are asked to keep us informed of change of address, phone number or email address. Should you need the Eucharist brought to you, please let one of the Greeters know and we'll be sure that someone will bring Communion to you at your seat.

HELP US - HELP YOU!

"I was hospitalized and my pastor did not visit me." "I was in the hospital and wanted to receive the Eucharist but no one came." Do these comments sound familiar? There are two solutions to solve the issues:
GET WELL PRAYERS
When you are admitted to the hospital, request that they notify your pastor that you have been admitted. They can enter the name of your parish on the admitting form.
You or your family can call the parish office at 879-7565 to notify the parish of your hospitalization.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

St. Ann is honored to have members serving in both the Armed Services and the Peace Corps. As a community of Christ's people, we at St. Ann's honor their service and salute their dedication by offering prayers for their safety and welfare. Please remember all members of the U.S. military in your prayers. Please note, we have been asked not to publish individual names, ranks, and locations of our military for security and safety reasons.



BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Any items you would like to be included in the bulletin each week need to be to the parish office, preferably via email, by Tuesday for the week you wish to include the information. Further, if you wish to post something on the parish bulletin board, please request permission from Fr. John.

NEWS FROM OUR DIOCESE

ANNOUNCING OUR NEW BISHOP

Pope Francis announced on November 26th, that he selected Monsignor Robert J. McClory, a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit, to serve as the fifth bishop of the Diocese of Gary. Bishop-elect McClory, 56, has served the Archdiocese of Detroit since his ordination to the priesthood in 1999. His ordination and installation as the fifth bishop of Gary is scheduled for the feast of our Lady of Lourdes, Feb. 11, 2020. Bishop-elect McClory currently serves as the pastor and rector of the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica in Royal Oak, Michigan. He also serves on the Archdiocese of Detroit Episcopal Council, College of Consultors and Priest Assignment Board. As a part-time faculty member at Sacred Heart Major Seminary graduate school of theology in Detroit, he has taught Introduction to Canon Law, Sacramental and Ecumenical Law, and the Theology and Law of Marriage. Previously, Msgr. McClory served as the vicar general and moderator of the curia of the Archdiocese of Detroit. Prior to becoming moderator of the curia, Msgr. McClory served as chancellor of the Archdiocese of Detroit, administrative secretary to Cd. Maida, and as an associate pastor at St. Isidore Parish, Macomb Township

and St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Shelby Township. Bishop-elect McClory studied philosophy at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit. He was then sent to the Pontifical North American College in Rome, where he earned a bachelor's degree in sacred theology in 1998 from the Pontifical Gregorian University. Father McClory completed his advanced graduate degree in canon (church) law at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome in 2000. We look forward to welcoming Bishop-elect McClory to St. Ann's Parish.

A PRAYER FOR OUR NEW BISHOP

O Lord, who for the feeding of your flock have chosen your servant Monsignor Robert McClory as a successor to the Apostles, grant him, we pray, that as he is ordained to the Order of Bishops, he may manifest a spirit of counsel and fortitude, a spirit of knowledge and piety, so that, by faithfully governing the people entrusted to him, he may build up in the world the sacrament of the Church. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

SING WITH THE ANGELS

The Queen of All Saints Adult Contemporary Choir, under the direction of Stephanie Sobocki, will present a Christmas Cantata. Sing with the Angels at Queen of All Saints Church, 606 S. Woodland Avenue, Michigan City, IN, on Sunday, December 22, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. This cantata re-tells the Christmas story from the vantage point of the angels from Gabriel's first appearance to Zacharias, to the glorious scene of angels filling the heavens singing "Gloria in excelsis Deo!" The program ends on a high note with the congregation joining to sing "Angels We Have Heard on High" and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing". The program is free and all are welcome.

YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

College and career-age young adults are invited to a Christmas-themed Food + Fellowship gathering on Thursday, December 19 at 6:30 pm. We'll meet at the Queen of All Saints' Legacy Center (1719 E. Barker Ave. in Michigan City). Bring a white elephant gift of \$10 or less, a canned good for charity, and a dish to share. A Father Mike Schmitz video "Christmas: A Time for Hope" will be watched and discussed. The adoration chapel will be open before and after the gathering. Questions? Check out the Facebook page or email jessicar@qas.org.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

NW Indiana's largest and best pro-life interdenominational meeting. 1st Thursday of every month at 5:30 pm, St Agnes Center on the St. Paul Campus, 1855 W Harrison in Valparaiso. Open to the pro-life public. Bring a friend. Teens and young adults welcome. For additional information email rspclif.ministry@gmail.com

LEGACY CENTER AVAILABLE TO RENT

The new Legacy Center at Queen of All Saints Catholic Church in Michigan City is available for your next gathering! We are open to hosting all types of events from family gatherings and milestone markers (baby and bridal showers, anniversary and birthday parties) to small business or non-profit meetings to corporate conferences. Prices vary by event, and more information can be found at www.qas.org. If you're ready to book an event or would like a tour, contact Jessica at jessicar@qas.org or (219) 872-9196.

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH

OPLATKI/OBLATEN

In response to requests for the traditional Christmas "sharing wafers", we are happy to make available: Oplatki/Oblaten. The wafers can be found on the table next to the scrip table at the back of church. The history of these wafers can be found on the back of the envelopes. A donation of \$5.00 would be greatly appreciated.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK - 10:00 AM MASS

A reminder Mass for the Anointing of the Sick will be held during the 10:00 Sunday Mass this week.

APPRECIATION FOR OUR ACCOUNTANT

Thank you to Mike Palmer for becoming our new bookkeeper/accountant for the Parish. We are very grateful to Mike for accepting the position. Ed O'Reilly and Mike have been working together the past few months during the transition process. A very special thank you to Ed and Danielle O'Reilly for all of their years of service to our Parish. May they have sunny skies and leisurely days in Florida as they enjoy their well-deserved retirement. We will definitely miss them.



OUR NEW HEAD SACRISTAN

Thank you to Matt Block for accepting the position of head sacristan here at St. Ann's. When former head sacristan Sam Falbo passed away in September, he left big shoes to fill so we are especially grateful that Matt has agreed to become head sacristan and scheduler. Matt also serves as hospitality coordinator with his wife Cindy.

PARKING LOT GATE IS INSTALLED

A new parking lot gate has been installed at south entrance to the parking lot. The gate will be open for all Masses however it will remain closed throughout the week. Please be cautious and drive slowly when approaching the parking lot. You will need to use the north entrance of the parking lot to access the Church and Parish office during the week.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

If your children/grandchildren would like to participate in the Christmas Eve Family Mass, please look at the sign-up list on the bulletin board at the back of church near the treat table. There are opportunities for greeters, lectors, gift bearers, and singers and bell ringers in the choir! Contact Marsha Jerome at 219/742-0658 if you have questions or would like more details. We plan to have a few choir rehearsals on Tuesday evenings, on Dec 17 at 6 pm. The Youth and Family Christmas Eve Mass is at 6:00 PM.

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION FOOD DRIVE

Peace and Social Justice is once again organizing a food drive to benefit the Westchester Food Pantry during the Christmas season. Please bring non-perishable food items to church or stop by the scrip table to purchase and donate a grocery card. You can help make Christmas dinner memorable for so many of your neighbors! Thank you for your generous support!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

We are grateful every year to those who donate for our Christmas Flowers. We are so blessed as a Parish. We would like to make sure we are spelling your name and those you would like to honor correctly. Please print clearly so we can easily read your intention. Thank you so much.

ADVENT SCHEDULE

Celebration of Holy Mass: 8 am every Wednesday and Friday
Anointing of the Sick: Sunday, December 15th, at the 10 am Mass
Sunday, December 15th: Mass for our Lithuanian Community at 1:00 pm
Christmas Eve: Youth and Family Mass at 6:00 pm
Traditional Christmas Eve Mass at 10:00 pm
Christmas Day: There will be NO 8:00 am Mass
Solemn Christmas Mass at 10:00 am
New Years Eve: There will be no Mass on New Years Eve
New Years Day 2020: Mass at 10:00 am ONLY - Solemnity of Mary



PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED

Please keep all of our departed family and friends in your prayers who recently passed away.

Etternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

ICY PARKING LOT ALERT

You may have noticed our parking lot is often icy. Because it is a gravel lot, the water is unable to drain away in winter. This creates icy conditions when water is left on the surface then freezes and thaws. Please be careful as you make your way through the parking lot.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT -- A Little Something About Our Advertisers

Marius Kasniunas (Century 21 Affiliated) - Our newest Advertiser, Marius Kasniunas, represents Century 21 Affiliated. Whether you're buying or selling a home or a commercial space or looking for a rental or an investment property, his number one priority is to reduce the stress of the buying or selling process by assisting and guiding his clients from start to finish and ensuring that they find exactly what they are looking for and for the right price. Whether you're buying or selling, give him a call and experience the 'Move with Marius' difference. Customer service is his number one priority. Licensed in Indiana and Illinois. E-mail him at: movewithmarius@gmail.com or check out his website: MoveWithMarius.com

COMMISSION MEETINGS AND REPORTS

THIS IS LAST WEEKEND TO SPECIAL ORDER SCRIP FOR CHRISTMAS

Scrip will be sold all weekends before Christmas arrives. The last weekend to place special orders for Christmas is this weekend, the 14th/15th. Please make your purchases early so an order can be placed in case Scrip has sold out of the item(s) you are requesting. Check the poster next to the scrip table for a complete listing of retailers available. From coffee to hotels, from books to airlines, from next door to Disney is available for ordering. CHECK IT OUT. IT'S CHRISTMAS

STEWARDSHIP: A SIMPLER CHRISTMAS

Forget the "ideal" Christmas complete with snow, carols, angelically-behaved children, and the perfect presents, food, and decorations. Put the emphasis on Jesus. If there is a Christmas chore or activity that you hate, either stop doing it or stop complaining. If you still do it and you still complain, don't expect sympathy! If you dread writing and mailing Christmas cards, don't bother. If you want to greet people in a simpler way, use Internet sites such as catholicgreetings.org and send e-cards with a few clicks of your mouse. If you are hosting a Christmas dinner for family and friends, don't do everything yourself. Tell the people living with you they can all pitch in--assign tasks if necessary--and ask guests to bring their favorite dish. Don't spend what you don't have. Set a dollar limit and stick to it. Consider a family gift exchange, or donate to a favorite charity in honor of friends and family. Place gifts under a parish or community giving tree. Give coupons representing your gifts of time and talent to those you love. Buy gifts that are faith-related from your parish bookstore. Create your own traditions: make a Christmas nativity scene; light Christmas candles; go with the family to Midnight Mass; read the Christmas stories out loud (in Matthew 1 and 2 and Luke 1 and 2); help serve dinner in a shelter. Don't expect too much from others. Don't expect them to be in a certain mood or to behave in certain ways, or to give you the right gifts. Don't do anything to excess: gift-giving, partying, drinking, eating. Don't fight with family, particularly over who does or does not go to church; don't bring up old grudges.